

**SUNDAY**

**9th January 2022**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Charity Number**

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## The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: St Andrew's, Fortrose: St Regulus, Cromarty

**The Black Isle Family of Congregations**

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EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion this morning. There is no need to be a member of the Episcopal Church. Please feel free to celebrate with us.

If you are not baptised or would prefer, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing (simply come forward with hands together and head bowed as a sign to the priest).



### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### + FIRST READING : Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hear the word of the Lord.

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ **Psalm 29** (Ref : Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

+ **SECOND READING : Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:

**Glory to Christ our Saviour!**


As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**

**FOCUS ON THE SACRAMENTS—BAPTISM**  
**BOTH WATER AND SPIRIT ARE NECESSARY FOR BAPTISM**



LET US HOWEVER, IF IT SEEMS WELL, PERSEVERE IN ENQUIRING MORE FULLY AND MORE MINUTELY CONCERNING BAPTISM, STARTING, AS FROM THE FOUNTAIN-HEAD, FROM THE SCRIPTURAL DECLARATION, UNLESS A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WHY ARE BOTH NAMED, AND WHY IS NOT THE SPIRIT ALONE ACCOUNTED SUFFICIENT FOR THE COMPLETION OF BAPTISM? MAN, AS WE KNOW FULL WELL, IS COMPOUND, NOT SIMPLE: AND THEREFORE THE COGNATE AND SIMILAR MEDICINES ARE ASSIGNED FOR HEALING TO HIM WHO IS TWOFOLD AND CONGLOMERATE:— FOR HIS VISIBLE BODY, WATER, THE SENSIBLE ELEMENT — FOR HIS SOUL, WHICH WE CANNOT SEE, THE SPIRIT INVISIBLE, INVOKED BY FAITH, PRESENT UNSPEAKABLY. FOR THE SPIRIT BREATHES WHERE HE WILLS, AND YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, BUT CANNOT TELL WHENCE HE COMES OR WHITHER HE GOES. HE BLESSES THE BODY THAT IS BAPTIZED, AND THE WATER THAT BAPTIZES. DESPISE NOT, THEREFORE, THE DIVINE LAVER, NOR THINK LIGHTLY OF IT, AS A COMMON THING, ON ACCOUNT OF THE USE OF WATER. FOR THE POWER THAT OPERATES IS MIGHTY, AND WONDERFUL ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE WROUGHT THEREBY.

**St. Gregory of Nyssa, *On the Baptism of Christ*, ~388 AD**

St. Gregory of Nyssa  
On the Baptism of Christ  
1902 Edition  
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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

For God's Grace to live lives in keeping with our Baptismal promises. For grace to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice, eyes & heart in the world...that we all may LIVE and BE the GOOD NEWS.

### **OUR WORLD**

For all affected by Covid 19 and the new variant, Omicron. For all researchers and all working to protect and heal. For healing and peace among all nations. For an end to terrorism and hatred in all its forms. For our fellow Christians and all who are persecuted for their faith.

### **OUR COMMUNION**

Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for our sisters and brothers of the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile (The Anglican Church of Chile).

### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Ross J, Blayne P, Ferdinand vonP, Eilidh P, Helen R, Roberta R, Louise S, their families and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership. For their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop, and for our brothers & sisters throughout the Diocese. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

### **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS**

For those in our charge and within the Black Isle who have contracted Covid...and for speedy and full recovery. For Bouke & Family. For Iain. Pray for our schools and all who study, teach and work within them...especially in the midst of the Covid Pandemic. For Jeremy. For those working with Samaritans, Mikey's Line & other help groups seeking to be there for those who are struggling. For those joining in worship online. For Janet S as she studies for ordination. For those whose relationships / marriages are struggling. Pray for our Granny in Guatemala: Santos De La Cruz Mendez. Pray for our Sunday Club in St Regulus'. For the safe return of our Teens and our Teen Gatherings. For James and his work in Biblical translation in Nigeria. For all we know to be in need of our prayers.

### **A DAILY PRAYER for the WEEK**

*Spend a moment in silence and call to mind any particular concerns...then pray:*

Let us pray to our Redeemer who humbled himself to receive baptism at the hands of John.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Christ, servant of the Father and pleasing to him, send forth your Spirit among us.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Chosen One of God, you did not break the crushed reed nor quench the wavering flame: let all know your compassion for our world of weakness.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You were anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our Saviour; lead all to believe in you and so come to eternal life.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are God's light to the nations; open the eyes of the blind in the baptismal waters of the new covenant.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are the hope of all peoples; receive the faithful departed into your heavenly kingdom.

*– Lord, send us your Spirit.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*



## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

Well, the 12 Days are passed and the first of the Great Epiphanies has been celebrated with the Wise arriving to find Mary and the young Child housed and safe. This Sunday we remember the second of the three Great Epiphanies as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and once again see the Most Holy Trinity revealed in wonderfully discreet and yet glorious beauty.

While the 12 Days have passed, the radiant glow of our Lord's Birth continues, liturgically, several weeks yet and will culminate with Candlemas on 2 Feb...so don't be surprised if the Rectory continues to have some festive lights aglow and carols still make their way into our hymn lists!

The Lord's Baptism is a good time to reflect on our own Baptismal Promises so I will print them here for pondering:

Do you believe in God the Father?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

These Promises remind us that, just as our Lord's public ministry BEGAN when he was Baptised, so our life in him and our ministry as Christian people, BEGAN at our Baptism.

Having entered a new calendar year, let's all consider the above and find new and exciting ways of living out God's call to us...as individuals and as a church!

Blessings to one and all and much love too.

Mel +



## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am – 8am on Sundays)

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

Mon: Rector's Day Off #1

Wed: Prep for Sunday

Thu: 10am Eucharist in St Andrew's

Fri: Rector's Day off #2

9:00am Celtic Morning Prayer via Zoom

Contact Gillian for details

(AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com)

Sat: Prepping for Sunday & Catching up

## **SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2022**

### **SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY**

#### **EUCCHARIST**

9.45am in St John's with Fr Mel

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

11.30am in St Andrew's with Fr Mel

# THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

## “PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE”

I am delighted to let you know that the application made by Diana Hamilton-Jones and me to the Woodland Trust has been successful and we are to receive, in March, 30 trees - 10

Silver Birch, 10 Rowan and 10 Wild Cherry all of which will be planted around the grounds of the Church to replace the diseased trees that were taken down and in so doing to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 - Ramsay



**Silver Birch**



**Rowan**



**Wild Cherry**

Looking for a few Volunteers in March to help plant the trees and care for them until well established.

Ramsay

## **DAILY PRAYER - An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe you are truly present  
in this Most Holy Sacrament  
of your Body and Blood,  
and since I cannot, at this time, receive you in  
Holy Communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you  
with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you.  
In whose Name I pray.  
Amen.

**OR**

### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, cleanse me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds hide me.  
Never let me be separated from Thee.  
From the malicious enemy, defend me.  
At the hour of death, call me.  
And bid me come to Thee.  
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **DAILY PRAYER - I will be offering these prayers at:**

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

8:30am : Morning Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

6 pm : Evening Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline

9:00am Fridays : Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact Gillian for info: [annegillianewman@gmail.com](mailto:annegillianewman@gmail.com))



# St John's Arrafeelie

Sunday 9th January 2022



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**OUR CHARITY SHOP**  
in Saint Andrew's Hall :  
Wednesdays & Saturdays,  
10am -1pm.



**THE CHARITY SHOP IS NOW  
OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AND SATURDAY  
10.00 am—1.00 pm**

The Books and cards normally on sale at the back of St Andrew's are not available during the present restrictions.



**Please help local people in Crisis**

Tins of ham

Tins of corned beef

Tins of mince/stew

Tins of Potato

Tins of custard

Soap powder (small)

Washing up liquid (small)

Shaving foam/razors

### **TINNED VEGETABLES**

The food bank team are always very another you will find more of these at present.

The items on our list are still things that they need more of, also individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sugar and toilet roll.

Thanks for all your ongoing generosity.

### **Thought for today**

*Make an adventure of all that you do,  
Do it with humour and zest,  
Looking at life from the broad point of view,  
Giving your utmost and best.*





*Some members of the Sunday Club bringing brightness through the dark days*

*Despite ongoing restrictions, the Cromarty Sunday Club have managed to meet up on a monthly basis for most of the year. An overall theme in 2021 has been Climate Change and looking after god's creation. We have gone from being a club that met indoors to one that now meets outdoors and we hope to continue that in 2022. It is a popular move with the children and adds a new dimension to storytelling and craftmaking when it is outside.*

*We usually meet the last Sunday of the month from 3pm until about 5pm depending on what we are up to. We would love to see some new faces, so if you fancy coming along keep an eye out for the posters that go out in the school newsletters, post office and shops or contact Carsten Flieger at [carsten@mylittlecampfire.com](mailto:carsten@mylittlecampfire.com) - all children are welcome!*

# **Church Rotas**

## **St Andrew's**

### **Readers & Intercessors**

J MacLennan / J Deakin / S A Jackson / A Garraway

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**